

SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION 827

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A RESOLUTION to honor and recognize Trinity Allison Gooch,
Tennessee's first Move on When Ready student.

WHEREAS, it is fitting that the members of this General Assembly should pause to pay tribute to those students who, through their natural talents and unflagging commitment to academic excellence, have distinguished themselves in the classroom; and

WHEREAS, Trinity Allison Gooch is one such exceptional student, who has the distinct honor of being the first Tennessee student to complete her high school education under the criteria of the Move on When Ready program; and

WHEREAS, enacted by the General Assembly in 2011, the Move on When Ready program allows students to graduate from high school early under an abbreviated course load, provided they meet certain academic requirements; and

WHEREAS, the specific Move on When Ready criteria require a student to receive "on track" or "mastered" on End of Course test scores, attain benchmark ACT scores, complete two or more higher education courses, maintain a 3.2 or higher grade point average, and pass a World Language Assessment; and

WHEREAS, exhibiting resolute dedication to her studies, Trinity Gooch met every criteria under Move on When Ready and graduated from White County High School in December 2017, approximately one and one-half years ahead of her peers; and

WHEREAS, Ms. Gooch maintained a 4.0 grade point average, received a 28 ACT composite score, with a 32 in English and a 34 in Reading, passed a Spanish assessment for her world language proficiency requirement, and accumulated fifteen college credits to graduate eleventh in her class with a 98.806 average; and

WHEREAS, enrolling in Tennessee Technological University in January 2018, Trinity Gooch received a \$20,000 University Scholarship and the \$1,000 Cleora Weaver Todd Memorial Scholarship to use toward her pursuit of a degree in interdisciplinary studies; and

WHEREAS, through diligent study, steady composure during examinations, and steadfast commitment of time and talent, Trinity Gooch achieved outstanding academic success and joined the ranks of the best and brightest students in Tennessee and our country; and

WHEREAS, Ms. Gooch's noteworthy achievement is a tremendous source of pride for her family, her school, and her community; and

WHEREAS, Trinity Gooch's dedication to excellence is clearly deserving of the respect, admiration, and commendation of the members of this General Assembly; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE ONE HUNDRED TENTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES CONCURRING, that we hereby honor and commend Tennessee's first Move on When Ready student, Trinity Allison Gooch, on her impressive academic achievement and extend to her our best wishes for a happy, successful future.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.